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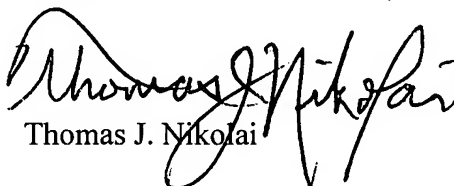
Transmitted herewith is an Amendment filed in response to the Final Office Action dated December 29, 2005 the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

No additional fee is required.

Yours very truly,

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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Final Official Action of December 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: